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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST GA: AUGUST 16 CORE GROUP MEETING

REF: A) USUN 3211; B) STATE 201236 NOTAL;

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1. FOR USUN: AT AUGUST 16 CORE GROUP MEETING, YOU ARE  
AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AMENDED LANGUAGE PROPOSED FOR PARA  
3 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION (PARA 4, REF A) AS WELL AS CON-  
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SEQUENT REWORDING OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM REPLACING

PHRASE "NEW LEGAL STRUCTURE" WITH PHRASE "NEW LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS." YOU MIGHT COMMENT THAT WE ACCEPT THE CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO MAINTAINING CORE GROUP SOLIDARITY AND WE ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT MEMBERS' JUDGMENT THAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM AND RESOLUTION, THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORDS "STRUCTURE" AND "ARRANGEMENTS."

2. AT AUGUST 16 MEETING, WE ASSUME THAT SUFFICIENT DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE RESULTS OF THE NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING TO ALLOW CORE GROUP WITHIN A DAY OR SO TO REACH A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SEEK PRIORITY. WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION WE HAVE, TOGETHER WITH OUR ASSESSMENT. CORE GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER EVIDENCE TOGETHER WITH QUESTIONS CITED PARAS 1A AND B,

REF B. BECAUSE OF LIKELY NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY, WE HOPE CORE GROUP MEMBERS WILL OBTAIN CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS, OR BE ASSURED OF ABILITY TO GET DEFINITIVE GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR A DECISION ON THURSDAY.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO SUGGEST TO CORE GROUP MEMBERS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL, EVEN BEFORE TACTICAL DECISION IS REACHED ON PRIORITY, TO BRIEF OTHER SYMPATHETIC GOVERNMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, EC-9 MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP MIGHT BRIEF OTHER MEMBERS OF EC-9. (AUSTRALIA SHOULD ALSO BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON CORE GROUP THINKING BY USUN.)

4. FOR ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES(EXCEPT USUN): EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND REVIEW PRESENT STATUS OF CORE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AS REFLECTED REF A. FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO CORE GROUP ACTIVITIES OVER NEXT FEW DAYS:

A. WE ARE REACHING A POINT IN WORK OF CORE GROUP IN WHICH IMPORTANT TACTICAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE--WHETHER OR NOT TO SEEK PRIORITY FOR THE MEMORANDUM AND DRAFT RESOLUTION DEVELOPED BY THE CORE GROUP. FOR OUR PART, WE VIEW CORE GROUP'S CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSESSMENT OF TACTICAL SITUATION AS THE KEY ELEMENT IN ARRIVING AT FINAL DECISION.

B. EVIDENCE THUS FAR POINTS IN THE DIRECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE NORTH KOREANS TO OBTAIN NAM SUMMIT ENDORSEMENT FOR ITS HARD-LINE, CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH. THIS ARGUES FOR AN ATTEMPT TO SEEK PRIORITY FOR THE SIGNIFICANT

ADVANTAGE IT MAY HAVE. HOWEVER, INFORMATION ADEQUATE FOR A SOUND TACTICAL JUDGMENT ON PART OF CORE GROUP IS NOT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 16 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER WHEN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS HOPEFULLY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

C. DECISION ON WHETHER TO SEEK PRIORITY WILL HAVE TO BE MADE WITHIN FIRST FEW DAYS OF WEEK OF AUGUST 16. BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE, WE URGE FOREIGN MINISTRIES TO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND WITH PARTICULAR RAPIDITY TO CORE GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. IN MORE GENERAL VEIN, EMBASSY SHOULD ADD THAT US ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO WORK OF CORE GROUP. ITS CONSTITUENT GOVERNMENTS HAVE DEALT THOROUGHLY,

ANALYTICALLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH AN ISSUE WHICH IS NOT ONLY SIGNIFICANT FOR THE FORTHCOMING UNGA, BUT BEARS MATERIALLY UPON THE STABILITY OF A STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT AREA. MOREOVER, THE EFFORTS OF CORE GROUP COUNTRIES IN CAPITALS AROUND THE WORLD--ITSELF A NOTABLE DIPLOMATIC EXERCISE--HAVE HELPED CORRECT AND SHAPE OPINION TOWARDS THE KOREAN QUESTION IN A DIRECTION WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL PAY DIVIDENDS AT THIS AND FUTURE UNGA'S. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND SOLIDARITY WHICH HAS MADE CONSENSUS THUS FAR POSSIBLE IN THE CORE GROUP, AND WE URGE SIMILAR APPROACH ON PART OF OTHERS IN PERIOD AHEAD. WE BELIEVE WORK OF CORE GROUP HAS PROVIDED SOLID BASE FOR FURTHER EFFORTS ON KOREA QUESTION THIS YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING CORE GROUP CONSENSUS.  
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